



THE PROPHET KING

Quran Stories for Little Hearts

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Many many years after the death of the Prophet Musa ﷺ, in the eleventh century B.C., there was much unrest among the Banu Israil due to the Philistines, Amalekites, Amorites and other tribes trying to take their homeland away from them by force.





Then the Prophet Shamwil (Samuel) ﷺ made Talut (Saul) their king and he fought with the Philistines. His army fought and defeated the enemy.





Dawud ﷺ, who was in his youth, also took part in the battle. He slew Jalut (Goliath), the commander of the Philistine army. In this way Dawud ﷺ became very popular and was made the king. He was granted prophethood at the age of forty and the *Zabur* (Psalms) were revealed to him.

Dawud ﷺ was given special rights by Allah. The plants used to sing in praise of Allah along with him.





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singing the praises of Allah.



The birds too used to sing with him in
praise of Allah.



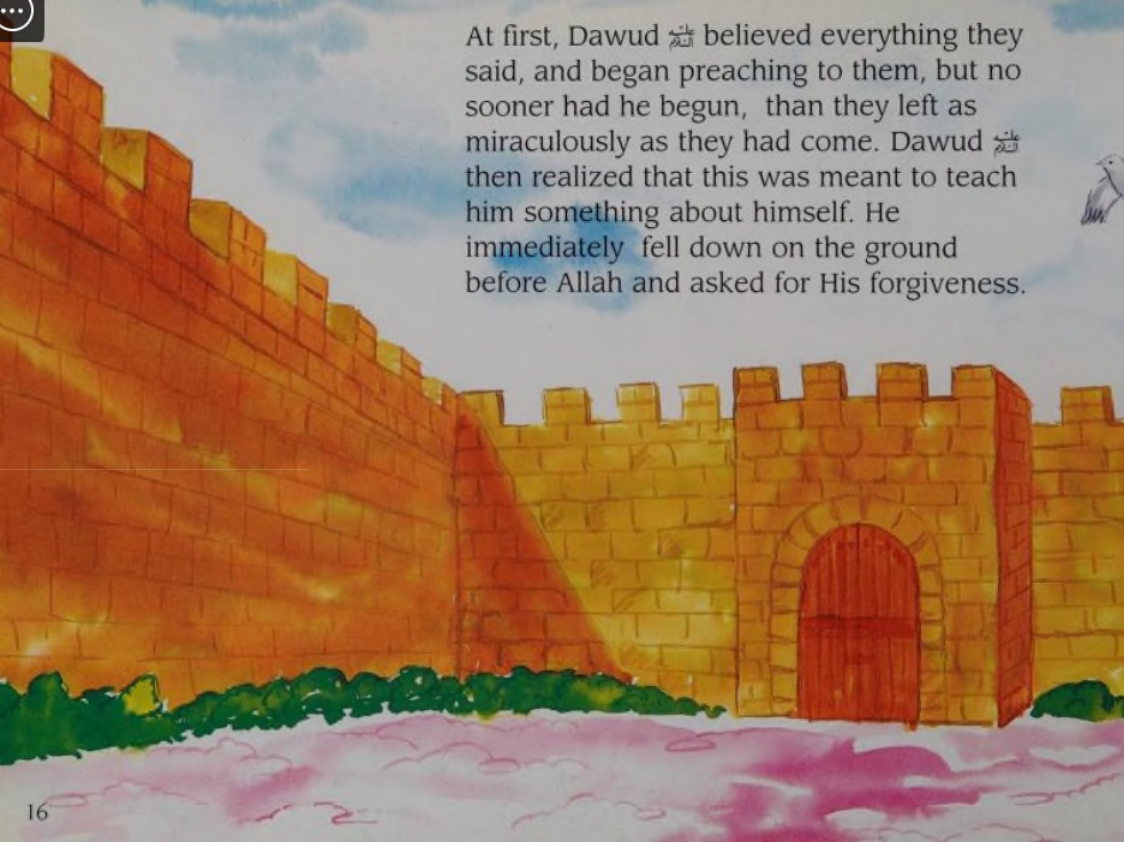


Once, when he was praying in his private room, two men with a grudge against each other broke in by climbing over the wall. He was taken aback, but they pleaded that they had come only to see justice done. One of them said, "We are brothers and we have a quarrel, which we want you to settle." The other said, "This man is my brother. He has ninety-nine sheep, and I have only one. Yet he tells me to hand it over to him. And that is not all. He speaks harshly to me."





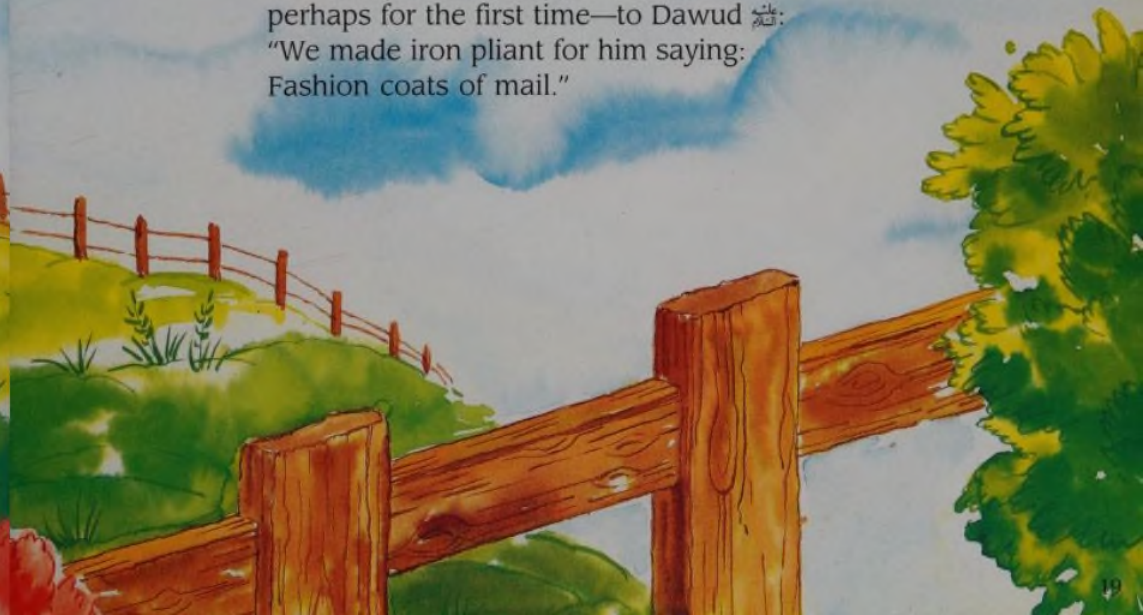
At first, Dawud ؑ believed everything they said, and began preaching to them, but no sooner had he begun, than they left as miraculously as they had come. Dawud ؑ then realized that this was meant to teach him something about himself. He immediately fell down on the ground before Allah and asked for His forgiveness.





It is believed that the two men fighting with each other were angels sent by Allah to warn him by acting out a parable.

The use of iron was taught by Allah—perhaps for the first time—to Dawud ﷺ: “We made iron pliant for him saying: Fashion coats of mail.”





Dawud ؑ was also taught the language of the birds. When he recited the *Zabur* (Psalms), the birds would also join him in praising Allah. The mountains too used to praise Allah along with him. He was given special help against his enemies, and great wisdom to judge between the Truth and falsehood.



The Quran tells of how Dawud ﷺ handed over to the owner of a field all the sheep which had entered his farm and eaten up his crops. But his young son Sulayman (Solomon) ﷺ suggested a better way of dealing with this, namely, that the owner of the field should not keep the sheep forever, but only for some time. In the meantime he could benefit from their milk.

He could take their lambs as well, and after a period of time, return them to their real owner, the shepherd.



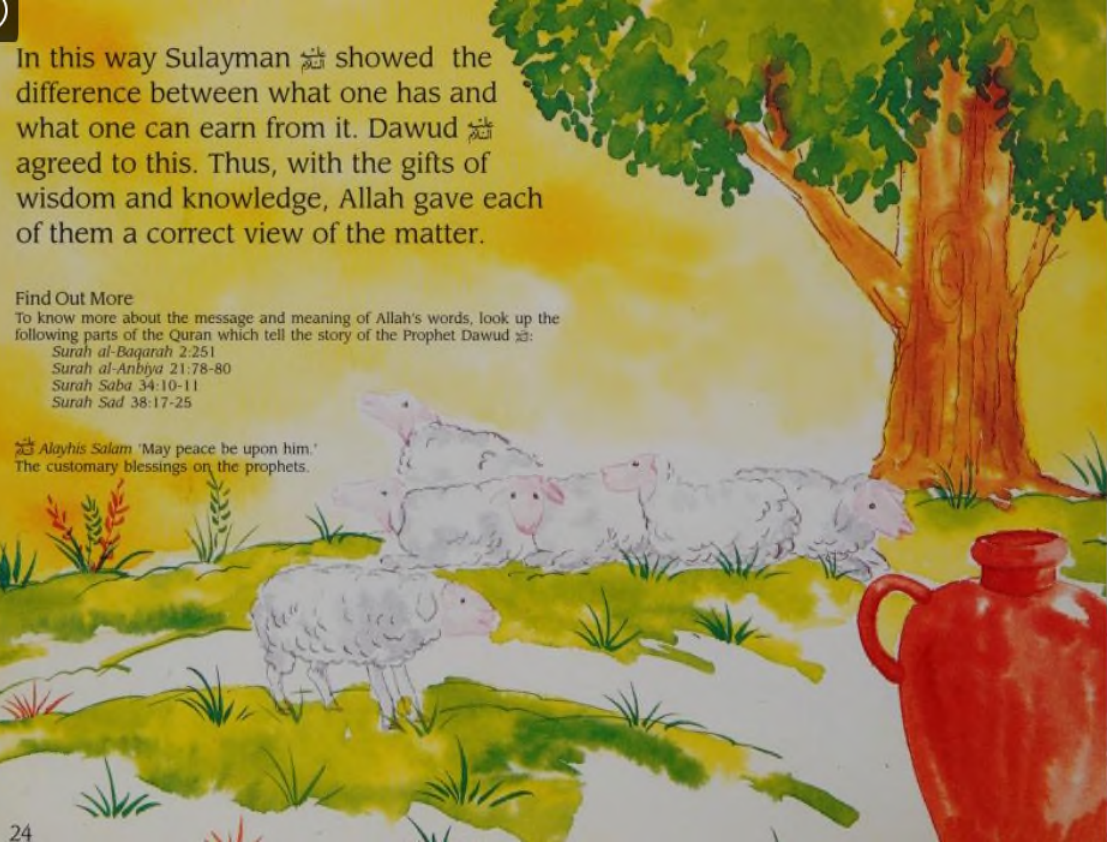
In this way Sulayman ﷺ showed the difference between what one has and what one can earn from it. Dawud ﷺ agreed to this. Thus, with the gifts of wisdom and knowledge, Allah gave each of them a correct view of the matter.

Find Out More

To know more about the message and meaning of Allah's words, look up the following parts of the Quran which tell the story of the Prophet Dawud ﷺ:

Surah al-Baqarah 2:251
Surah al-Anbiya 21:78-80
Surah Saba 34:10-11
Surah Sad 38:17-25

ﷺ *Alayhis Salam* 'May peace be upon him.'
The customary blessings on the prophets.



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